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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2008 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on September 25, 2008. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with the required fee. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.